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RETAINING WALLS

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My/Our residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my/our name.

If one name appears below, I am the sole inventor of the subject matter sought to be patented.

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TWO-PIECE JOINING DEVICE FOR SHEET PILE RETAINING WALLS the specification of which

- [] is attached hereto.
- [x] was filed on AUGUST 19, 2003 as application Serial No. 10/643,543.

I/We hereby state that I/We reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I/We also acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.63(d), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if this is a continuation-in-part application.

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Prior Foreign Application: <u>GERMAN</u> Application No. 102 39 331.1 filed August 27, 2002

X Yes

Priority Claimed:

No

I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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